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**PROCESS FOR CONFIGURING SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE IN A BUILD-TO-
ORDER COMPUTER SYSTEM**

Abstract of Disclosure

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A process for manufacturing a computer system, including a selected hardware configuration and a selected software configuration is disclosed. An order is placed on an order entry system which generates a hardware list and a software list from the order. In one embodiment, the hardware list is checked to verify that the selected hardware components are compatible with each other. In another other embodiment, the software list is checked to verify that the software components on the list are compatible with one another. In another embodiment, the software and hardware lists are cross checked to verify compatibility of the hardware components with the software components. The software components are recorded on a storage device to enable a user to restore the software components at a later time should that ever become necessary.

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